



## One-acts score huge success

Richard Bissell, in commenting upon the difference between professional and amateur theatrical productions remarked that in amateur performances, it is the actors who have all the fun, while the audience suffers acutely throughout. Assuming this statement true, it is readily seen that MBA's performances have all the markings of the professional theater.

After some difficulty and continued postponements, the MBA Dramatics Club announced that this year's production would consist of four student-directed one-act plays. The Players have attempted this type of production only once before, and the success of that endeavor combined with the present potential talent of the student body aided in this decision. Mr. Poston, in his last year as sponsor of the MBA Players, watched carefully the daily rehearsals and advised the directors in their efforts.

The plays consisted of three comedies, *The Still Alarm*, by George S. Kaufman; *The Boor*, by Anton Chekov; and *The Ugly Duckling*, by A. A. Milne—and one drama, *Submerged*. *The Still Alarm*, directed by John Testament, starred Steve Neff, Tommy Brothers, Richard Cannon, Brett Kirkpatrick, and Pope Wilson. This play dealt with two men in a hotel which was burning down around them, but which seemed not to alarm them in the least.

*The Boor*, directed by David Salmon and starring Steve Neff, John Testament, and Susan Rule, concerned the farcical incident of an obnoxious Russian debtor trying to reclaim a loan from a beautiful young widow.

A different type of comedy was exhibited in *The Ugly Duckling*, directed by Tommy Barton and starring Nina Couch, Richard Cannon, Cathy Anderson, Sally Dorris, Steve Neff, and Mac Pirkle. This play was a sort of fractured fairy tale which concerned a king and queen who were attempting to marry off their ugly daughter—who was in fact very beautiful, only no one knew it.

The one serious play, *Submerged*, was directed by Bob Tigert. Starring Jim Alderman, Henry Walker, Hugh Cunningham, Ricky Levy, Mac Pirkle, and Parkes Brittain, the plot concerned an isolated crew trapped in a wrecked submarine and their attempts at survival.

The sets for the four plays were necessarily both simple and similar, because of the quick changes which had to be made between plays; this left much open, however, to the directors as to the use of costumes, which at times proved quite elaborate but always quite suitable. Much credit is also due to Bruce Crabtree who worked behind the scenes as general stage manager for all the productions.

The plays proved to be quite enjoyable to all those involved, and especially did the student directorships offer a great opportunity for boys to aspire to greater things.

Special awards for performances went to Steve Neff for best actor (*The Ugly Duckling*), to Nina Couch for best actress (*The Ugly Duckling*), and to Bob Tigert for best director (*Submerged*). Once again the MBA Dramatics Club scored a momentous victory to add to its long line of theatrical triumphs.



A doomed crew ponders its fate in *Submerged*. Photo by R. Smoot

## Student Council adopts constitution

In a meeting held on April 30, the M.B.A. Student Council voted on recommendations of two MBA juniors concerning the constitution of the MBA Student Council, without which the Council has functioned up to now. The recommendations were presented by Brett Kirkpatrick and Henry Walker, who had been working in cooperation with several members of the faculty, including Mr. Carter, and certain members of the Student Council. With the permission of the headmaster, letters were sent to well-known Southern and Eastern prep schools asking for copies of their constitutions. Responses

included those from such schools as Choate, Westminster, and Memphis University School, as well as literature from the National Association of Student Councils.

In studying these constitutions, it was discovered that there were certain common practices which have proved successful elsewhere but which were not in use on the Hill, and these comprised the recommendation of Kirkpatrick and Walker. These included: a school-wide election of a student body President; spring officer elections; members-at-large who are selected by the Student Council; a faculty member as student council adviser; and a student council that, through regular meetings and by working with the school administration,

serves as a sounding board for student opinion, helps decide and formulate school policy, and acts as the representative body of a true student government.

At the initial presentation, there was no discussion on the proposed changes. A student council meeting was then held, at which the proposals were discussed among the members.

On Monday, April 29, a third meeting was held. This was attended by the members of the student council, Mr. Carter, Sandy Haury (president of the Honor Council) and Brett Kirkpatrick. In the discussion that followed, the following objections were raised: a school-wide election would in-

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## MBA poll picks next President

Monday, April 15, 1968, was a decisive day on the Hill for two reasons: the Ivy League college decisions arrived that day for interested Seniors, and the Montgomery Bell Academy Presidential Preference Primary was held. While the former decisions were awaited with more anxiety and anguish, it was upon the latter that the glare of press coverage concentrated.

About the only radical departure from tradition proved to be the fact that the election day was held on Monday, rather than the usual Tuesday. The results were as follows (actual numbers of votes are in parentheses):

Nixon (197)	49%
Kennedy (52)	13%
McCarthy (43)	11%
Wallace (32)	8%
Johnson (21)	5%
Rockefeller (21)	5%
Lindsay (11)	3%
Reagan (7)	2%
Humphrey (6)	2%
Percy (4)	1%
Romney (1)	0%
Dirksen (1)	0%
others (4)	1%

Upon close examination of the votes, it was found that Nixon carried every class and the faculty, his majority ranging from a sweeping 67% of the Eighth Grade to a narrow 35% win from the Seventh Grade. The only noticeable aberration shown by any class was an inordinately large Kennedy vote by the Seventh Grade, one which still did not equal Nixon's.

When broken down by parties, it becomes evident that the voters for Republican candidates (61% of the student body) coalesced around Nixon, giving him nearly 5/6 of their total. The Democrats, on the other hand (31% of the students, excluding Wallace votes) were sharply divided: Kennedy, their first choice, got only around 2/5 of their vote; McCarthy got about 1/5 of the Democratic total and Johnson about 1/6.

The most overwhelming consensus was a rejection of the Johnson Administration—the Administration (combined votes of Johnson and Humphrey) was defeated about 13 to 1 by the voters.

Candidates favoring the war in Viet Nam significantly outpolled those in opposition to that war,

about 2 1/2 to 1. Rockefeller votes were not figured in that tally.

The liberal-conservative split was probably of less meaning because of difficulty of categorizing several of the men, notably Rockefeller and Humphrey. However, the "liberal" (Kennedy-McCarthy-Rockefeller-Johnson-Lindsay-Humphrey-Percy-Romney total) was defeated 3-2 by "conservative" (Nixon-Wallace-Reagan-Dirksen total) tally.

While MBA is admittedly not a cross-section of American voting habits, Mr. Richard Nixon for one may be interested in the results.

At the April 12 meeting of the MBA Board of Trustees, Mr. Jack Massey was named a member of the Board. Mr. Massey, a successful businessman, (chairman of the board of Kentucky Fried Chicken), has been active in many community affairs, including the sponsoring of a Junior Achievement Company. *The Bell Ringer* is pleased to extend to Mr. Massey its welcome to the Montgomery Bell Academy community.



## Neff wins scholarship

On May 2, 1968, it was announced publicly that Steve Neff had been honored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as the winner of a \$1000 National

Merit Scholarship grant to the college of his choice. Steve thus became MBA's first Merit Scholar in two years. This award places him in the top tenth of one percent of the nation's students.

This \$1000 grant is an award being given for the first time in 1968 to only some 500 students in the country (There are a total of about 2900 Merit Scholars in the United States.) Selection for this award went on a state-by-state basis, each state being allotted a number of winners proportional to its population.

Neff was awarded this grant, sponsored by the National Distillers Company, on the basis of his performance in three general areas: first, his score on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, taken in the spring of 1967; second for his performance on College Board tests; third for his record, both scholastic and extra-curricular, at MBA. Neff is valedictorian of the Class of 1968, editor-in-chief in the *Bell Ringer*, president of the Forensic Club, vice-president of the Dramatics Club, and president of Totomoi.

He will use his scholarship next fall at Harvard University.



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## Lines written in early spring

"Spring!" This is the time when a young man's fancy (on the Hill at least) turns to thoughts of . . . college admissions. Each spring, thousands of high school seniors eagerly await the decisions of their chosen colleges. This mass of last-minute correspondence places a tremendous load upon students and colleges alike, thus rendering the present college admissions system very inefficient, to say the least.

First, let us consider the candidate for early decision. Upon being accepted at the college of his choice, this student avoids all of the worry and frustration of "swinging out" the spring. Although every college admissions blank clearly states that the student, even if not accepted on the early decision plan, will be given equal consideration with his fellow students at the time of regular selection, this is not always the case. Reliable results of a survey conducted among a selected group of students at Amherst College shows that students rejected on early decision have a smaller chance of being accepted on the regular decision day than do other students. In other words, a student who indicates his preference for a school by applying there for early decision is given lower priority than another student who did not indicate such a preference. This is grossly unfair.

Now let us turn to the candidates for regular decision. With the exception of schools which have a revolving admission's system (e.g., Purdue University), the great bulk of college decisions are handed down within the relatively short span of a single month. Students are given until May 1 to notify the colleges of their intentions of matriculation. The increasing selectivity of this nation's colleges compels the applicant to apply to a large number of colleges in order to assure acceptance to at least one of them. This procedure in turn results in an increased number of applications to each college, thus rendering the colleges even more selective. This increases the student's chances of being turned down at a specific college, thus forming an ever-growing spiral. Many students are neither accepted nor rejected on the decision day. These unfortunates are put on the waiting list. They are notified on or about May 1 whether or not they are accepted. Of course, the student's answers to his other colleges must be in the same day. If he has turned down all the others and then is not accepted at his first choice, he is left "out in the cold." On the other hand, if he accepts one of the other schools and is then accepted at his first choice, he is in the dilemma of going to a school which was not his choice or backing out of an agreement. The net result of

the present college admissions procedure is that many colleges are forced to reject many applicants who would be a credit to their institution; and many students are forced to apply to colleges which they do not wish to attend; and many students are forced finally to attend colleges which are not their first choices. The end product is discontented students who do not do their best work and who fail to become adjusted to our society.

Clearly this situation is in need of change. An ideal system would be one in which the greatest number of students could matriculate at the college of their first choice and the greatest number of colleges could admit the students of their first choice with the least confusion possible. Instead of sending separate but similar applications to each college, the applicant, under the "Bell Ringer System" would fill out a single application, copies of which would be sent to each choice. On each application, would be listed the applicant's choices, in order, of the colleges. The colleges will then accept or reject the applicants as they see fit, and notices of decisions would be mailed immediately. Thus, a college would be able to see exactly where it stood in the estimation of the applicant.

The advantages of this system would be many. First it would cut down on the work of the applicant, eliminating the unnecessary repetition of filling out several forms, and allowing the student to do his best job on the single form. Second, this system would provide the colleges with definite admissions guidelines: the student on whose form the college ranked higher would be accepted, their factors being equal. This would ensure a greater number of students' acceptances at the college of their choice, and a greater number of colleges' acceptance of students truly intent upon matriculation. Third, this would also eliminate the risks and delays inherent in waiting lists, by allowing admissions directors to know with a great degree of certainty the number of students who will enroll in a given class, thus eliminating the necessity of the waiting list to fill unforeseeable vacancies. However, as in the old system, colleges still retain complete power regarding who is admitted and who is not.

Perhaps the above solution is not foolproof. However, it must be concluded that something, if not this, must be done to alleviate the inefficient, risky, time-consuming, and often disappointing college admissions program, so that in the spring a man's fancy can turn to the more serious business of love.

## On responsibility

In a political election year such as 1968, much has been and will be made of the so-called "credibility gap" that exists in Washington. However, far too many MBA students believe it is not necessary to turn to newspapers and magazines to look for such a credibility gap: they maintain that one exists here on the Hill between administration and students.

That a student actually doubts the willingness or the ability of the administration to deal fairly and honestly with its students can only be an example of muddled thinking on the part of those individuals.

For example, several students have voiced criticism of Mr. Carter for being the mastermind of a plot to "destroy" the Big Red Club. While rumors to that effect have undeniably circulated about campus, anyone bothering to check the actual facts would discover that the story is without any justification whatever. As a matter of fact, a minimum of thought on the matter would yield the conclusion that if any campus organization merited extinction, it would be a reflection on the group's own past performance, not on Mr. Carter.

A second example of lack of student responsibility in dealing with the administration is that concerning complaints by basketball supporters and other athletes that the school enthusiastically backs football but is deliberately lukewarm on all other sports. Once again nothing could be farther from the truth. While it is true that football takes up more of the school budget than any other sport (strictly because it is more elaborate than any other: outside lighting for the stadium and much more equipment are required), the fact that it draws larger crowds is completely outside Mr. Carter's concern. In the winter and spring there is more than one varsity sport; often basketball games are on school nights—both of these facts would account for smaller crowds. Student support of athletics is strictly the responsibility of duly recognized campus organizations, not of Mr. Carter personally.

Also, several days ago when a student became ill during the day and Mr. Carter immediately arranged for him to be sent home to recover, rumor immediately circulated that Mr. Carter had "fired" the boy!

Boys who are so irresponsible as to spread slander about the administration only makes it more difficult for the school to tolerate their recklessness. While no one would ever maintain that the administration is perfect, or that students should not be allowed to bring grievances before Mr. Carter, it is the boy's responsibility to know all the facts before he complains. Such failure even to consider another's point of view shows marked lack of both maturity and responsibility on the part of that student.

## Student Council Constitution

### Article I Functions

#### GENERAL:

To encourage a sense of responsibility among the students for understanding, appreciating, and helping to maintain and perpetuate the fine traditions and noble ideals of Montgomery Bell Academy.

#### SPECIFIC:

A. To provide a forum for student expression through which each student while at Montgomery Bell Academy could contribute of his own thought and service to the continuous improvement of the School.

B. To uphold the administration's policies concerning matters of dress, language, and manners.

C. To handle cases of poor attitude exemplified by any student.

D. To cooperate with the headmaster and faculty by investigating infractions of school rules and take action on these matters by meeting and recommending penalties to the headmaster by a 2/3 majority of all the members of the Student Council; for it is understood that executive authority is lodged with the headmaster.

### Article II Rules

A. Every student shall be acceptable in appearance as interpreted by the Student Council.

B. Every student shall be a good citizen and a gentleman on the campus and at every school function off campus, and it shall be the prerogative of the Student Council to determine whether or not a student's behavior is gentlemanly.

### Article III Organization and Membership

A. The Student Council shall be composed of the class officers of each grade.

B. The Senior Class president shall be head of the Student Council and shall call and preside over Student Council meetings.

C. The Senior Class vice-president shall take the place of the president in his absence.

D. The senior class officers and the presidents of the

Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Grades shall make up an Executive Committee of the Student Council whose duties shall be to plan and call meetings, investigate students to be brought up before the Council and to present their findings to the Council for any action to be taken.

E. In any case pertaining to a seventh-grader or an eighth-grader the three class officers from his classroom shall meet with the Student Council and each shall have a vote in the proceedings.

### Article IV Election of Members

A. The officers of each class shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

B. These class officers shall be elected in order of importance as stated above by a majority of one-half of the total number of students in the class plus one.

C. These elections shall take place in the spring of the year before the officers actually take office in all cases except the junior school and the Freshman Class. Senior officers, along with class advisers, shall supervise these elections.

### Article V Duties

A. The Student Council shall meet at the end of every month and whenever deemed necessary by either the Executive Committee or the Student Council president.

B. The Student Council shall suggest various projects and activities that the clubs of Montgomery Bell Academy may undertake, and the Student Council shall determine the worthiness of these clubs to the school.

C. The Student Council shall promote and create interest in activities such as the annual spaghetti supper ticket sales, faculty-student basketball and baseball games, assembly programs, and alumni-faculty basketball games.

### Article VI Amending Process

A. This Student Council Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority of the total number of the members of the Student Council; then presented to the student body where a 2/3 majority is required plus the general approval of the faculty.





Photo by J. Campbell  
Prison inmate warns students of crime's dangers.

## Operation: Crime Prevention

On March 29, MBA was most fortunate to have the members of the "Operation: Crime Prevention" team speak. The team consists of three inmates from the Tennessee State Penitentiary and Mr. Richard Gunn, who conducts the program. The students had the privilege to hear firsthand the conflicts and misfortunes of a criminal. As seen by the reactions of the audience, the program proved quite successful.

The men emphasized that while environment exercises a strong influence on a person, the decision as to whether or not to revert to a life of crime is strictly up to the individual. All of the men, whatever their background, (one came from "one of the finest parochial schools in Tennessee"), made a conscious decision to live their lives outside the law, a decision that they beseeched all young people to reject.

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## MBA physics among nation's best

The American Institute of Physics has chosen the Physics Department of Montgomery Bell Academy as one of the top ten departments in the country. The physics department, run exclusively by Mr. Harold Crowell, received this award for its "outstanding program in physics for 1967-68." The ten schools chosen will receive special certificates of commendation. They were selected on the basis of geographic region, size, and excellence of their physics teaching. The certificate will be presented by the Region Counselor in Physics of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics. The Regional Counselors work in each state to develop local co-operation in improving the teaching of physics in the secondary schools. The Regional Counselor for Tennessee is Dr. Lawrence K. Akers of Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

All of the credit for this award must go to Mr. Crowell who has taught physics at M.B.A. for three years. However, we are sad to report that our distinguished teacher will be moving on to greener pastures next year, having attained his Ph.D. in physics at Vanderbilt which he is expecting to receive formally this June.

IS IT A COINCIDENCE  
THAT THE BELL RINGER IS  
THE SAME SIZE AS FIRST  
GRADE DRAWING TABLETS?

## From the '69ers

Here are a few "superlatives" from our class which may not rate next year's annual:

	Winner	Runner-up
Best individual	Elkin Brown	Jim Mullins
Best dissenter	Hugh Cunningham	Peter Power
Most serious	Duke Rose	Ray Manning
Biggest playboy	Mac Pirkle	Jim Alderman
Biggest scrapbook	McNabb/Peebles	Tommy Barton
Most confident	Brett Kirkpatrick	Larry Cohen
Most intellectual	Henry Walker	Fields Stringfellow
Most sarcastic	George Copple	Tommy Hudson
Biggest "bag of wind"	Robert Magruder	Esty Foster
Best classroom "entertainer"	Mike Simon	Tyler Apfel
Least often argued with	Bill Husband	Vernon Vix
Most enthusiastic	Barry Banker	Mike Denson

In case any of the above-mentioned juniors are offended, you must remember the words of Brett Kirkpatrick in his moving address to the school recently, "As Abraham Lincoln said, 'A house divided cannot fall.'"

As another year draws to a close for the Class of '69, so comes the time for reflection. The most poignant fact is the inevitable fate of teachers who must instruct this class in the English language. Their first victim was Freshman English teacher, Michael Knighton. This Cedar Town, Ga. native enlivened the daily fare of grammar and Richard III with instructions in such things as "hunkering," "red berets," and the noble savages of Cedar Town. Unfortunately however, Mr. Knighton only lasted one year—the first victim of this class. As the years revolved, so also did the English department. Acting on our initiative, the class of '68 made short work of Mr. Pickering, and Mr. Fox (poor soul) was enlisted to teach Sophomore English. Wastebaskets, Sophomore-faculty basketball games, and

false teeth made short work of Mr. Fox also. Last but not least this class came under the direction of Mr. James Poston for junior English. Although he has been here for many years, the sixty-niners were too much for him also and he succumbed to the inevitable fate. Thus, as we approach our senior year, we must extend a word of caution to Mrs. Lowry.

However, although a "lame duck" teacher, J. Poston refused to go down without a fight. As if his tests were not enough (including such jewels as naming furniture and imaginary lines of poetry), Mr. Poston diabolically rearranged the seating in the class so as to stimulate classroom "discussions." Yet he has been a true friend and an able teacher, and the Class of '69 wishes him the best of luck in Florida.

## Poetry Corner

The Bell Ringer, ever trying to uplift the MBA student body culturally, here presents the first of a series of Greatest Poetry that Absolutely Ever Was:

How I Pulled a Two-pronged Rhinoceros from the Treacherous  
Quicksand While Searching for my Glasses by the Banks of  
Stratford-upon-Avon

with difficulty.

## Query, query

Excerpt from recent college board:



Shades of R. Smend

69. This picture most vividly portrays
- Total lunar eclipse
  - Black cat eating licorice in a coal bin
  - Recent financial condition of drama-matics Club
  - George Wallace's chances of being elected President of the United States
  - Sum total of intelligence of BELL RINGER Staff
  - Senior Class Blacklist
  - Incompetence of Photography Staff
  - None of the above

CLASS NEWS  
SLASH  
PAINLESS

As graduation approaches for the Class of 1968, teachers seem to be seeking the last drop of blood out of each senior. Faced with the daily trauma of Mr. Crowell's lab reports, Mrs. Lowry's themes, and Dr. Sager's "mean" math, many seniors are on the verge of extreme hysteria, hypertension, and acute psychotrombosis, or even worse—failing.

How do the seniors preserve their sanity in the midst of such forces of impending doom (shades of "Sisyphus") rolling of the stone up the mountain in Hades? One needs only to drive around Nashville with his window down to find out how seniors release their tension. The answer is "Party Time," or "The Eagle Flies Tonight." The first person to realize the plight of the Senior class was John (Bennett Cerf Handsake) Brittingham. Immediately, he founded the "Thursday Night Invitational Basketball Tournament at J. B.'s House."

Following Brittingham's example, other seniors turned their attention to the potentialities of Friday and Saturday nights. One member had his "Wine and Cheese" party. Bill Caldwell opened up "Club Caldwell" on Bad Thursday before Good Friday, inviting all MBA, Hillwood, Cohn, Antioch, Pearl, Hume-Fogg, and Jordonia seniors (not to mention the Metro and Belle Meade Police).

Not to be outdone, Jamie Pace came through with a "psychedelic country music party," featuring that dynamic trio, Charlie Toobstake and the Lonesome Travellers. He high-lighted the next weekend with his backyard picnic complete with stereo music, picnic tables, and a trampoline. Steaks were cooked over an open flame, which soon required two fire trucks to extinguish. The evening was climaxed with the private viewing of foreign films, purchased at extremely low prices because of a lack of a costume overhead in the production. These were played to the tune of "Purple Haze" by modern day's answer to Rudolph Valentino—Jimi Hendrix.

Harris: "(&#2)(&#2) slurrp . . . garonk '(&#2)(&#2) (special imitation of a lizard on a hot rock.)"

Tidwell: Mrs. Lowry, I just love to watch you run around in front of class all the time.

Mrs. Lowry: You boys don't know how squirrely I am.

Lochte: I'm too (two) shy.

R. Rose: You put me down Tidwell. Mrs. Hollins: That Senior Class had better watch out 'cause I've got the goods on them.

Seen lately: Brittingham's (candidate for a diploma?) new haircut; Dino at a baseball game in black levis and yellow turtleneck.

Racist-of-the-Month Award: Gus Kuhn  
Politician of the Month: Dr. Sager  
Surgeons of the Month: Levy, Small, Chaffin, and Rose

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## Sophomore Insights

The authors of this column would like to inform those who are their avid fans that they are in a distinct minority. Most people seem to hate it. We would like to have this majority run out of town, a feeling which is generously reciprocated by the bulk of our readers.

Enough seriousness; now for some news about the people that you all know and love.

### Tenth Grade Debris

The Sophomore Class is truly a class of outstanding quality and integrity. Leaders such as J. "Pine Cone" Callaway have proved their worth in many fields. Recently Pine Cone demonstrated his knowledge of zoology when he gave a "Chipmunk Exhibit" in eighth period study hall, a performance thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Rusty Bright is attempting to get his "Top Ten Hate List" published weekly. But because of the differences of opinion as to whom is really hated, it will not be published in the foreseeable future.

Ed White will give an exhibit at West End Methodist Church this Saturday entitled, "Dolls from Many Lands." We hope you all find time to observe this cultural endeavor.

Mr. Nelson was in high (priced) spirits on his birthday, and we all hope he enjoyed his present.

### Quotes

Burkhalter: Oh, Saturday night was sweet!

Ewers: Wright—got the big sound, now! Mr. Mitchell: Certainly—you'll be required to know everything.

Mrs. Francis: Please pick that up, Rusty. McKie: Who else is going to the PBR Combo?

Collins: Personally, I prefer Seawest.

Cole: It's the Soul Man's Brew.

The Three Chi's Column  
alias Wart, Feab, and Squirge

## Freshman follies

Rumor has leaked out that the Freshman Fete was held last week, but one can never tell. When asked about the Freshman party, Bung replies, "What's that?" or "Yeah, I think I was there."

The latest controversy between our class and the school has been over haircuts. Bill Summers says, "Would you give in or would you fight?" Bob Murphy keeps his intellectual locks calm and glossy with Queen Bergemonte Scalp Dressing ("for smoothin', for groovin' and for stylin', too"). "It blows my mind!" says Bob Loren. Glasser lives in mortal fear that a certain teacher may cut off his long, golden locks. Harold Crump says that when his hair reaches a certain length from his feet, it is singed off by his sun socks. In total about thirty-seven frosh wear their hair long; the other forty (including the class officers) keep theirs well-trimmed. The situation is reaching the point where, on windy days, guys are getting tangled up as they pass in the hall. If one of the weaker boys leans too far forward, it takes three more to set him back on his feet.

As the sun sinks all too slowly in MBA's 101st year, and we leave cookie man trapped in the phone booth with a sea monster, his Jim-Jam Swim Suit, and a wrong number; we remember the murmur of the study and prayer that arose from the doomed freshmen. "To study or not to study . . ." quoth Bill Peerman. "Heh-heh-heh!" cackled the teachers. "Fifty-seven," groans Bung as the sounds of day-to-day tests culminate in you know what (exams, Harold). Then comes commencement and FREEDOM!! SUMMER!! And, having no thoughts to leave you with, I am leaving as fast as I can.

Wunklesheimen

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Barkley scores e pluribus unum for Big Red.

## Diamond demons devastate opponents

The 1968 MBA baseball team opened its season as defending Western Division champions with a 3-0 victory over the Pearl Tigers. Jeff Peoples led MBA on the mound, while he and Berry Holt led the hitting. After such a fine start, three rained-out games coupled with a week-long Metro school vacation temporarily halted the Big Red juggernaut.

With a five-game week looming ahead, Coach John Bennett used his pitching strategy against Hume-Fogg on April 15 as he pitched Bobby Sadler, Ed White, Bruce Jones, and Larry Herbert. Scoring 22 runs to Hume-Fogg's 3, MBA was led by Holt and Sadler.

Tuesday, April 16, saw the North Yankees as the third opponent for the Big Red. Ed "Little E" White mowed down the Yankees with a stunning one-hit shut-out as MBA easily clinched its third victory. Sadler, Peoples, and Bill Husband exhibited the "big stick" in hitting against the Yankees.

The first tough opponent for MBA loomed ahead Wednesday, April 17, as Coach Bennett sent Peoples to the mound against Overton. The contest was mostly a pitchers' duel between Jeff and Overton's John McLean. In the top of the seventh inning, Overton got two big runs, threatening the Big Red. However, a pep talk by Coach Bennett seemed to have adverse effects on the Overton pitcher as he promptly beamed Sandy Haury. Ernie Leonard, Eighth Grade second sacker, pinch hit for Rick Barkley and smacked a sizzling single into right field sending Haury to third base. McLean then beamed Larry Herbert to load the bases and

walked the next two batters to tie the score at 2-2 with the bases loaded and only one out. With the count 2-0 on "Little Bubba" Holt, McLean was relieved. With a 3-1 count, Berry lined a single to right field to win the game. It was the fourth victory in four outings for the Big Red.

Thursday, April 18, proved to be disastrous. Although Sadler pitched the finest game of his MBA career—a no-hitter—he lost 2-1 on six heart-breaking errors by the fumbling MBA fielders. Peoples's home run brought MBA its only run, and a last inning rally failed to produce.

On Friday, April 19, the "Little E" continued his fine pitching as he threw his second one-hitter of the week, leading Lipscomb 11-0. Hitting was led by Holt, Sadler, and Doug Small as the Big Red notched its fifth victory against one loss.

Monday, April 22, pitted MBA and the Glencliff Colts in a crucial battle. Unable to pitch because of a sore arm, Peoples turned the chores over to Sadler. "Theodore" turned in a sterling performance as MBA rolled past the Colts 4-1. Bruce Jones had a perfect day at the plate; Haury and Sadler also led the hitting attack.

Wednesday, April 24, MBA played the Hillwood 300. With Jeff "Hot Dog" Peoples on the mound, the Big Red garnered a 4-3 victory despite the last-inning rally by Hillwood. Peoples and Jones batted the Big Red to its seventh victory.

The future looks bright for the defending champs with a solid team backed up by two of the finest coaches in Nashville, Mr. John Bennett and Mr. James Tillman.



Photo by J. Campbell

Birdman rocks campus. Kinny Cosner (alias the "Baby Eagle") gives an ear-shattering squawk as he prepares for take-off.

## From The Attic

The Eighth Grade's sports enthusiasm has been highlighted by the presence of Bill Carpenter and "Big Six" Ernie Leonard on the baseball team. Both Bill and Ernie were outstanding members of a fabulous Babe Ruth team that easily won all of its games; both "E" and Bill started as pitchers. Bill was also a first baseman, while Ernie was everything from third string pencil sharpener to shortstop. On this year's varsity, due to the many injuries of the team, Ernie is a starter at second base and Bill a pinch hitter.

Six softball teams are in hot contention

for the championship of the after-school league. Doug Andrews' team, starring Ricky Belote, is heavily favored by the Eighth Grade sports writers' poll. Running closely for second place are the Gulls, lead by fastballing Mr. Benson himself. The rest of the teams will fall in this order: Sparrows, Hawks, Vultures, and Eagles.

This year's track team is expected to do very well with talented pole vaulter Bill Knox. And last but not least is the gold team composed of David Mathews, Whit Holcomb, and Chuck Lawrence.



Photo by R. Smead

Members of MBA "diamond nine" show their adeptness at old Bavarian folk dance.





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**Chalk one up for the Ajax White Knight.** "Good guy" Morris Rogers, dressed all in white, tees off against Hillwood.

### Golfers swing

This year's edition of the MBA golf team features as its top four players Morris Rogers, Ben Byrd, Bert Dale, and Gordon Moughon. Last year, the Big Red won the Western Division championship; and the three returning players from that victorious team are eager to avenge their only defeat at the hands of Two Rivers, which later became state champion. The top four varsity competitors derive a great deal of inspiration from other players such as Steve Johnson, John Harlan, and Bill Earthman.

This year's team has several characteristics which distinguish it from those of preceding years. The first new feature is the sartorial resplendency of Morris Rogers, often clad only in white; of Ben Byrd, attired in congo-red patent leather and white calf-skin shoes; and of Bert Dale, with his MBA-monogrammed handkerchief and Dristan tablets. The team has also expanded its operations in congratulatory responses: instead of just giving "skin" after birdie putts, the team members now loosen up on the tee with a new innovation—the Bennett Cerf Handshake. After this "loosening up" exercise, the Big Red "tightens up" by perusing the female prodigies brought to the Green by opposing teams from insinuations of lower learning.

Thus the Big Red is looking forward to an interesting season as well as to another Western Division crown and perhaps the N.I.L. championship. Although the team lost its first match to a fine Hillboro team (4½ to 1½), it has since overcome this deficit with substantial victories over Franklin and Cohn.

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### Track team races to victory

Faced with the problems of rebuilding the once-powerful MBA track team and placing inexperienced men in demanding races, MBA's tracksters have so far this year overcome many hurdles to success. Led by mercurial Mike Simon and Billy Adams, the runners have posted several good times in the face of stiff competition. Simon has had several good times in his specialties, the 100- and 200-yard runs and is regarded as a sure point winner. Having trained diligently in the off-season, Billy Adams has run well in the 880-yard run and the mile run.

Dave Alexander, Kenny Johnston, Jack Herndon, Steve Burkhalter, and Gordon Peerman team with Simon to form promising sprint relay teams. Art Rebrovick, Lewis Conner, Tom Moss, and Steve Barkley perform in the grueling distance races. Teddy McNabb has proven to be an outstanding 440-yard man, showing steady improvement with each meet.

Outstanding performances were turned out in the District II track meet at T.P.S. by Mike Denson, Mike Simon, and the 440- and 880-yard relay teams. All these performers advanced to the Regional track meet at Overton.

The field section of the team, led by Mike Denson and Bim Glasgow, has done an outstanding job this year. Glasgow, the school record-holder in the pole vault, is currently undefeated. Muscle-men Mike Denson and Aaron Brown, along with Robert Magruder, have done well in the shot-put. John Gibson, John Abernathy, and McNabb round out the team in the high jump. Best wishes to the team in the ensuing season.



Photo by R. Smead

**Blackman bounds over barrier.**

### Tennis team nets five wins

This year's tennis team will certainly prove to be another N.I.L. and Regional champion. After tying Memphis University School, 3-3, we have our goals set on the state championship. Such stars as Charles Nelson, Steve Tatum, Henry Walker, Dan Butrey, George Copple, Lenny Kestenhorn, and Jimmy Stewart make up the starting varsity line-up. Only three seniors will leave this team, and MBA looks forward to another championship season. Up and coming stars for future years include Blair Wilson, Edwin Millam, Gep Nelson and Rip Trammell.

So far this year, victories have been scored over BGA (8-1 and 8-0), Franklin (8-0), Lipscomb (8-0), Hillwood (5-0), and Two Rivers (5-0). These have been countered by only three defeats, all of them outside the N.I.L. On April 19 and 20th, the team travelled to Chattanooga for the Southern High School Tournament. The team scored three victories, Henry Walker winning one in singles, while he and George Copple won two matches in reaching the semi-finals of the doubles.

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**Coach Owen pumps four shells into escaping trackmen's backs.**

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**Eagle-eyed, Nelson descends from lofty heights in search of hapless prey.**





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Favorite son candidate Bill Nelson ponders who gave him his other vote.

#### DRAFT NELSON

### Nelson sought by voters/army

As the voting returns rolled in on the day of the MBA Primary, it was apparent that Mr. Bill Nelson had received, if not a mandate for, at least a recognition of his Presidential candidacy. Mr. Nelson's sweeping sum of two write-in votes made his total twice that of either Governor Romney or of Senator Dirksen, only to furnish one more indication of his immense personal popularity on the Hill.

Since coming to MBA last fall, Mr. Nelson has been a tremendous asset to the English Department. Having graduated from Sewanee only last year, Mr. Nelson maintains a close contact with his pupils, both in the classroom and around campus. This identification with the students made him a "favorite son" of the MBA voters. Although his English classes are restricted to sophomores, he serves as a student advisor and as advisor to the BELL RINGER. He was an invaluable player on the faculty basketball team, and was somewhat successful as a Microbe football coach. However, his athletic ability is not his major talent.

Mr. Nelson, graduated from high school at Episcopal High School, one of the leading prep schools in the country. After a few classes at Vanderbilt, he went to France for a year, where he attended the University of Aix-Marseilles at Aix-en-Provence, a

small town in southern France. Since then, France has become one of his main interests. Mr. Nelson then attended the University of the South at Sewanee and, after three years, he graduated with a B.A. in English.

Last summer he held a job in the Third National Bank, during which time he was a victim of a bank robbery at gun-point. With a little coaxing he will relate the entire exciting story.

Mr. Nelson has varied hobbies, one being a deep interest in France. His recent trip to Paris this spring to visit a girl whom he had dated in college aroused a great deal of interest among his students. He also enjoys sports cars, having once been the owner of a model-A which he restored; he is currently the proud owner of one Datsun and one 1958 Jaguar.

He lives in a secluded log cabin in Williamson County; nevertheless, he enjoys an active social life. On Monday mornings one overhears students saying that they encountered him at various night spots over the week-end.

Although it is not known what the future holds in store for him, we at MBA hope that General Hershey, another of his many admirers, will permit him to return next year to the English Department.

#### Student Council . . .

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volve too much politics, and members-at-large would increase the student council to an unwieldy size. Recommendations that were incorporated into the constitution include spring elections of class officers, and regular meetings.

The constitutional amendments were presented to the student body for ratification. Under the rule of common law, the parts of the constitution which are already in effect, need not be ratified by the students. The changes, however, were all accepted in a vote by the students.

The text of the document is found on page 2.



Photo by R. Smead

MBA senior superlatives train for upcoming Steeplechase.

## The Belle Rose, Stevens ride herd on campus

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate."

When ole Bill Shakespeare penned these lines, he must have had a strange premonition of the beauty and bliss of Miss Libby Core, this issue's Belle. A native of Madison, she served as secretary of her freshman Class and cheerleader of Isaac Litton High School. For her sophomore year, Libby came to Harpeth Hall where she is now a member of the Glee Club, the Science Club, the Spanish Club, and the Junior Classical League.



Outside of her schoolwork, Libby is a member of the SAP Club wherein she served as vice-president of this past year. She has acted in her class play each of the last three years. She is a member of City Road Methodist Church where she has been an officer in the youth fellowship for the last four years and now serves as its president.

One can usually find Libby behind the wheel of her beloved vehicle, "Pinky," which at press time lies strewn over the floor of some Madison garage. She spends any time left over in her busy schedule as a dedicated philatelist and entomologist. She has chosen the University of Kentucky as the institution where she will further her education. We, the editors of the *Bell Ringer*, would like to wish Libby the best of luck in all her endeavors.

In a predominantly conservative school such as MBA, it is certainly refreshing to see a member of an oppressed and persecuted minority, the Italian-Americans, rise to the top of society. Indeed, Anthony A. Rose, MBA social lion, is one of Nashville high society's most eligible bachelors. He seems less in place at the Sons of Italy Hall than as an active officer of the off-campus Beaux-Arts Club; he is seen not so often leading ghetto wars against the rival Puerto Rican minority as in the youth group of his West End Church of Christ; next year, he will be attending not the University of Sicily as might be supposed, but rather the all-American University of Tennessee.

Tony is best known on campus for his leadership in a score or more of student activities. He has served for two years on the Student Council, first as secretary of the Junior Class, and currently, as treasurer of the Senior Class. He also heads the Organizations Staff of the *Bell*. During his second year on the junior varsity football team he served as captain of that squad. Finally, as president of the Big Red Club, he has done more perhaps than any other boy to instill in the student body a sense of patriotism and enthusiasm for the school's athletic teams.

While his leadership and organizational ability are outstanding, they probably rate second to his personal charm and magnetism. It was these attributes that elected him vice-president of the Alpha Chi Fraternity and president of the Nashville Pan-Hellenic Council for the 1967-68 year, as well as Alpha Chi's most outstanding member. His crowning achievement, however, came in his landslide election as best-dressed member of the Class of '68.

Scholastically Tony has not been completely dormant, although he has sometimes been so accused. In his sophomore year, he won an NEDT Award.

Thus does Anthony A. Rose possess in abundance political know-how, executive savoir-faire, irresistible charm, social grace, and unflinching loyalty to the school. He should be looked upon not as a mere "greasy Italian" but rather

as the "noblest Roman of them all," as a cross between Augustus Caesar, Rudolph Valentino, and the Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Charging through the plains on his mighty steed is none other than our personality of the month, John Stevens. Our hero, who first came to the Academy in 1962, has amassed a stupendous record both at MBA and at the Metro Police Department.

John's sports endeavors included Microbe and Freshman football until a chronic injury forced him to withdraw from his beloved sport. Strange as it may seem, his knee healed away from MBA, and he participated in ice hockey, playing for an all-star team two out of three years.

John held virtually dictatorial power last year as Vice-President of the unruly Junior Class. This year our personality is the Business Editor of the *Bell*. We all hope the annual gets out before the creditors catch him. The "squirrel" is a former jeweler of the Alpha Chi Fraternity and is active in the First Presbyterian Church.

Who knows what evil in the darkness lurks as our hero treads onward into the innermost realms of eternity?

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